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SUBJECT: EVALUATION OF OFFICE OF LEGAL ADVISER

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1. POST HAS HAD RELATIVELY LIMITED NEED TO SEEK ASSISTANCE FROM OFFICE OF LEGAL ADVISER. IN FEW CASES WHERE EMBASSY HAS REQUIRED LEGAL GUIDANCE ONLY PROBLEM HAS BEEN SOMEWHAT LONGER DELAY IN RESPONSE FROM WASHINGTON THAN MIGHT HAVE BEEN IDEAL BUT MATTERS INVOLVED WERE NOT OF GREAT URGENCY. EVENTUAL GUIDANCE HAS BEEN ADEQUATE.

2. WE HAVE HAD OFF-AND-ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH GON OVER CONSIDERABLE PERIOD OF TIME ON POSSIBLE NEW EXTRADITION TREATY. WASHINGTON'S INSTRUCTIONS HVE BEEN GENERALLY RESPONSIVE TO OUR NEEDS, THOUGH LACKING TO SOME DEGREE POLICY FOCUS, AND HERE TOO WE HAVE BEEN SOMEWHAT BOTHERED BY TIME LAG BETWEEN OUR REPORT OF DUTCH VIEWS AND SUBSEQUENT INSTRUCTIONS. HOWEVER, THIS EXAMPLE SUFFERS FROM FACT DUTCH HAVE ALSO BEEN DRAGGING THEIR FEET.

3. THE FUNCTIONAL BUREAUS, AS WELL AS OTHER US AGENCIES, HAVE A GOOD RECORD WITH EMBASSY FOR RESPONDING TO SPECIFIC REQUESTS FOR LEGAL OR QUASI-LEGAL
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GUIDANCE. WHAT PROBLEMS WE HAVE IN THIS REGARD ARISE MORE OFTEN FROM FACT THAT WHEN WE RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS TO INVOKE SOME PROVISION OF AN AGREEMENT, FOR EXAMPLE, TO FILE NOTICES OF DISSATISFACTION UNDER CIVIL AIR AGREEMENT, WE ARE NOT PROVIDED WITH NEEDED BACKGROUND. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF AS A GENERAL PRACTICE SUCH INSTRUCTIONS INCLUDED EXPLANATORY MATERIAL THAT

COULD BE USED AS APPROPRIATE IN APPROACH TO HOST
GOVERNMENT.

4. GUIDANCE ON CONSULAR SERVICES PROBLEMS IS ADEQUATE.

5. COMPETENT AND ADEQUATE LOCAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE IS
AVAILABLE WHEN AND IF REQUIRED.

6. GIVEN LIMITED CHARACTER OF POST'S NEED TO CALL ON
DEPARTMENT FOR TYPE OF SUPPORT L CAN PROVIDE WE HAVE NO
SUGGESIIIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT.

7. REGRET DELAY IN THIS RESPONSE TO REFTEL.
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